depicted and that human sensibilities are not offended by vulgarity, obscenity or depravity.

Doordarshan recently did not telecast the Miss Universe 98 Beauty contest in line with its policy of not telecasting such programmes on women.

Doordarshan also shows women in a positive manner in order to prevent any crimes against women and minor girls. Programmes on empowering women are also telecast on Doordarshan to create a healthy environment which prevents atrocities against women and minor girls.

*[English]*

**Pollution by Textile Industries**

662. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the textile industries were causing water and air pollution in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Supreme Court of India vide order dated July 8, 1996 in C.W.P. 4677/85 (PIL) directed the textile mills to be located within the National Capital Region at a communicable distance from Delhi; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The textile industrial units causing air and water pollution in Delhi include the following:-

(i) Swatantra Bharat Mills, Shivaji Marg, Delhi;

(ii) DCM Silk Mills, Shivaji Marg, Delhi; and

(iii) Birla Textile Mill, Birla Lane, Subzi Mandi, Delhi.

(iv) Ajudhiya Textile Mills, Azadpur, Delhi.

(c) and (d) the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 8th July, 1996 in the matter of WP (C) 4677/85 (PIL) - M.C. Mehta Vs. Union of India & Others directed that 168 hazardous/noxious and heavy industries listed in the order can not be permitted to operate and function in Delhi. These industries may relocate/shift themselves to any State in the National Capital Region. These industries shall stop functioning and operating in the city of Delhi w.e.f. 30th November, 1996. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has also directed the National Capital Region Planning Board to render all necessary assistance to the relocating units. It has also directed the Chief Secretaries and Secretaries (Industries) of the States of Rajasthan, U.P., Haryana and the National Capital Territory of Delhi to "provide all assistance, help and necessary facilities to the industries which intend to relocate themselves in the industrial estates situated in their respective territories". It has also directed these four States to form a unified single agency "to act as a nodal agency to sort out all the problems of such industries". In pursuance of these orders the State Governments and the National Capital Territory of Delhi have set up a Single Window Facility for this purpose. A Unified Single Agency of the Chief Secretaries of the four States has been constituted which is monitoring the overall dispersal of industries from Delhi to the National Capital Region.

**Number of Post Offices**

663. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of post offices per 10 sq. km. in the country, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : The details of State-wise number of post offices per 10 Sq. Km. in the country are given in the enclosed statement.

*Statement*

| S. No. | Name of State/ Union Territory | Number of Post Offices per 10 Sq. Kms. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 0.587 |
| 2. | Assam | 0.486 |
| 3. | Bihar | 0.679 |
| 4. | Delhi | 3.984 |
| 5. | Gujarat | 0.453 |
| | Dadra & Nagar H. | 0.692 |
| | Daman & Diu | 1.517 |
| 6. | Haryana | 0.589 |
| 7. | Himachal Pradesh | 0.494 |
| 8. | Jammu & Kashmir | 0.072 |
| 9. | Karnataka | 0.511 |
| 10. | Kerala | 1.290 |
| | Lakshdweep | 3.125 |
| 11. | Madhya Pradesh | 0.253 |
| 12. | Maharashtra | 0.400 |
| | Goa | 0.676 |
| 13. | North East | |
| | Arunachal Pradesh | 0.034 |
| | Manipur | 0.301 |
| | Meghalaya | 0.213 |
| | Mizoram | 0.183 |
| | Nagaland | 0.182 |
| | Tripura | 0.674 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 14. | Orissa | 0.518 |
| 15. | Punjab | 0.764 |
| | Chandigarh | 4.386 |
| 16. | Rajasthan | 0.301 |
| 17. | Tamil Nadu | 0.924 |
| | Pondicherry | 1.901 |
| 18. | Uttar Pradesh | 0.682 |
| 19. | West Bengal | 0.956 |
| | Sikkim | 0.276 |
| | Andaman & Nicobar | 0.118 |
| | All India | 0.465 |

*[Translation]*

**Kainia Mukta Port**

664. SHRI DOWARKA PARSHAD BAIRWA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made evaluation of any study at Kainia Mukta Port in order to provide it more infrastructure facilities based on latest technology;

(b) whether some multinational companies are keenly interested to provide infrastructure facilities to this port motivated by the latest technology;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the total foreign investment envisaged therein; and

(d) whether the State Government invited the foreign investment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

*[English]*

**Woes of Correspondence Courses Students**

665. SHRI BHIM DAHAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether management of correspondence courses in the Delhi University send study materials and also conduct classes for the students who are doing various courses through Correspondence Courses;

(b) if so, whether for the B.Com. (Pass) Ist Year, the Management of Correspondence Courses has neither sent study materials nor has conducted any classes whereas the examinations are likely to be held in middle June, 1998; and

(c) if so, the action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

*[Translation]*

**New National Highway Projects**

666. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new national highway projects sent by the Planning Commission for approval;

(b) the outline of these projects;

(c) names of the States included in the proposed schemes; and

(d) the details of amount sanctioned or amount allocated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) No such proposal has been received from the Planning Commission.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

*[English]*

**Observance of Ambedkar Jayanti**

667. SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the Central Universities observed holiday on 14th April 1998, on the occasion of "Ambedkar Jayanti" as per the decision of the Central Government; and

(b) if not, the names of the Central Universities which did not declare holiday and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) The following Universities observed holiday on 14th April, 1998 on the occasion of "Ambedkar Jayanti":

1. University of Delhi
2. Jawaharlal Nehru University
3. Jamia Millia Islamia
4. Indira Gandhi National Open University
5. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University
6. Assam University